

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 1, 1994**

COMMENTS BY DAVENPORT: TELEVISIONING OF MEETINGS BY KING VIDEOCABLE; WHY PROCLAMATIONS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS WAS NOT ON AGENDA; LETTER FILED OPPOSING APPOINTMENT OF STEVE RADDIGAN AS INTERIM FIRE CHIEF; SHOULD LOOK INTO BECOMING CHARTER CITY; ETC.

Council Member Davenport thanked the public for attending the meeting and commented on the following matters: (1) Attended the candidates forum for the 4th District Supervisorial race at the Grape Festival and was disappointed that only a few Lodi residents were in attendance. King Videocable televised the forum without any problems; however, the City Manager once told Mr. Davenport that King Videocable Company could not televise from there; (2) Questioned why his request to present awards to the fire fighters who assisted in the Malibu fire and who apprehended an arsonist was not placed on this agenda. He hopes this will not happen again; (3) Stated that he has received the video tape from the Mayor which was presented to the City Council at its last meeting from Mr. Dick Phipps, and he will take a look at it; (4) Filed a letter with the City Clerk opposing the City Manager's appointment of Steve Raddigan as the Interim Fire Chief; (5) Stated that he was glad to see that the four-year term for the Personnel Board of Review members has been corrected to three years; (6) Indicated that he would like to receive all letters of resignation from board and commission members in a timely manner; (7) Agreed with the comments from Mr. Crabtree at the last City Council meeting that the City of Lodi becoming a Charter City is something that should be looked into, and he is in favor of it; (8) Commented on the City of Escalon who recently "did away" with its City Manager and, instead, having the City Council run the City on its own. Mr. Davenport thinks this is a good idea, and that the City of Lodi should do the same; (9) Received comments from citizens that \$4.00 for admission was too high for the Arts and Rec at the Lake event and the noise was too loud. Mr. Davenport would like to receive an accounting of how much money was taken in and how much went to the City. In the future, City residents should be allowed to bring in own food for picnics; and (10) Reminded the public about the Central City Revitalization Project Workshop scheduled for Monday, June 6, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

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TO: THOMAS A. PETERSON, CITY MANAGER
FROM: RAY G. DAVENPORT, CITY COUNCILMAN
DATE: MAY 25, 1994
SUBJT: APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN RADDIGAN AS INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

It is my duty as a City councilmember and member of this community to object to your unilateral appointment of Steve Raddigan on May 24, 1994 to serve as interim Fire Chief of the Lodi Fire Department. I believe your appointment condones criminal activity and inappropriate conduct in City government.

The grounds for my objection are:

1. Steve Raddigan has a history of assault and battery on both myself and others on several occasions of which you are aware.
2. He has cheated on State Fire Marshall sponsored education program testing in the past of which you are aware.
3. He has falsified records as a Fire Science instructor and has been barred from teaching of which you have knowledge.
4. There are several complaints from citizens and business owners filed with the City Management concerning his conduct and demeanor as a fireman and fire marshall.
5. He has been arrested on the charge of abusing women which you are aware.
6. He has made unauthorized use of City vehicles which you are aware.
7. Recently a rekindle of a garage fire under Steve Raddigan's command resulted in a total loss of a citizens garage and contents on Tokay Street, resulting in a lawsuit against the City.

These incidents above are either personally known to me or believed to be true and can be verified. This list is not exhaustive. Many citizens in the community have expressed their

concerns over this issue to me.

You have stated to me Steve is the best man, will hold the organization together and will make an excellent Fire Chief. I disagree, in my opinion Steve Raddigan is not deserving of a fire chief position. I suggest that you reconsider your appointment for interim Fire Chief.

For the best interests for the City of Lodi and it's citizens, I suggest you appoint Stan Mall as interim Fire Chief. Stan Mall has the best interest of the Fire Department and the City at heart. Stan would improve the morale of the Fire Department which is greatly needed at this time. Stan is well respected and liked by his fellow firemen and the community. Stan definitely has the experience and qualifications to make an excellent Fire Chief.

cc: Mayor Jack Sieglock
Councilmembers Mann, Pennino, Snider
City Attorney Bob McNatt



MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Member Davenport

FROM: Jennifer M. Perrin
City Clerk *JMP*

DATE: June 3, 1994

SUBJECT: Resignations on Boards and Commissions

This memo is in response to the comment you made at the June 1, 1994 City Council meeting regarding resignations on various boards and commissions. I am not sure that I understand your concern.

Our office was recently notified of one vacancy on the Lodi Arts Commission, that of Don Levy (whose term is also expiring on July 1, 1994). On the date that we received his letter, copies were made and distributed in the City Council's mail. That is the only vacancy that our office is aware of on the Lodi Arts Commission. Because you indicated in your comments on Wednesday evening that there were vacancies on the Lodi Arts Commission, I contacted Charlene Lange, who is the staff liaison to this commission, and questioned whether or not she has received any additional resignations besides Mr. Levy. She indicated that she is not aware of anyone else resigning or planning to resign.

As for receiving the letters of resignation in a timely fashion, all letters are copied within the same day of receipt; however, because you choose not to have your mail delivered by our office staff, we cannot control when you receive your mail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

JMP

cc: Honorable Mayor
City Council Members